



**CONFIRE**

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** May 26, 2026

**FROM:** Nathan Cooke, Interim Executive Director

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**TO:** CONFIRE Administrative Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Agreement Between CONFIRE and CVFD For Chief Dean Smith

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### **Recommendation**

Authorize the Interim Executive Director to execute and enter into an agreement between CONFIRE and Chino Valley Independent Fire District (CVFD), to authorize Dean Smith to serve as Operations Section Chief for the CONFIRE Ambulance Contract Implementation Team. For a not-to-exceed amount of \$185,000 for the initial five-month term.

### **Background Information**

On December 5, 2023, the County of San Bernardino awarded CONFIRE the Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Ground Ambulance Services, Interfacility and Critical Care Transport Services for Exclusive Operating Areas in San Bernardino County contract (EMS Contract).

On September 12, 2024, the State Superior Court issued an injunction halting the implementation of services, which had been scheduled to begin on October 1, 2024.

On May 6, 2026, the State Superior Court lifted the injunction, allowing CONFIRE to re-establish the implementation process and proceed toward system deployment.

To organize a successful transition, San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs will use the incident command system to organize resources and have selected Chief Smith to serve as the Operations Section Chief for the CONFIRE EMS Division Implementation Team.

This implementation team has already begun working on the project. Priorities have been identified for Chief Smith to build the foundation and included in the scope of work for the consulting agreement:

- a. Work with CONFIRE Staff and Implementation Team members to ensure all aspects of the County Ground Ambulance Contract are fulfilled prior to implementation on October 1, 2026.
- b. Coordinate and work with Priority Ambulance staff on all aspects of their obligations related to the requirements in the Contract, to ensure all obligations of agreement prior to October 1, 2026.
- c. Perform all duties and functions related to serving as the Deputy Incident Commander for the CONFIRE EMS Division Implementation Team.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The total costs for the five-month term will not exceed \$185,000. The current year costs are estimated at \$33,959 and will be paid by the balance of the loan to the EMS Fund 5020 from the General Reserve Fund (5010).

The remaining costs, estimated at \$151,041 for the budget year 2026-27 will be paid from the EMS Fund 5020 operating budget.

### **Attachments**

- 2026\_05\_Agreement – Chino FD.Dean Smith